



The Long Term Care Coordinating Council  
Wednesday, April 9th  
10:00-11:30 am  
Child and Family  
1268 Eddy St.  
Providence, RI

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

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#### **1. Welcome**

Lt. Governor Roberts called the meeting to order.

#### **2. Approval of minutes from March 12th**

Minutes were sent out through email. Minutes were approved.

#### **3. Transportation Broker Discussion**

*Catherine Taylor, Director, Division of Elderly Affairs*

*Thomas Martin, Policy and Innovation, EOHHS*

Director Catherine Taylor stated that LogistiCare has signed the contract to be the transportation broker to the state. The broker will manage the program and the funds for nonemergency medical transportation.

Tom Martin stated that there was an RFP out in 2012. The broker is looking to create a centralized order. They are looking at a May 1<sup>st</sup> roll-out of services for transportation.

Lt. Governor Roberts asked what the training for LogistiCare drivers will entail. Tom stated that there is additional training for the LogistiCare drivers and the vehicles will have constant inspection and will be marked.

Ken Pariseau asked if there will be an expansion in the geographic location of the areas serviced. Tom stated that they are looking to expand the network of service, but currently, the same perimeters as Ride are used. In the future, they will be looking logistically at expanding the program. Elaina Goldstein asked if there would be an expansion to cover nonmedical services. Tom stated that because this

transportation is paid for by Medicaid dollars, they go towards Medicaid services. For the developmental disabilities population, their rides will come out of the BHDDH budget. If the ride is to transport a DD consumer to psychiatric services, that would be considered a medical service.

In general, this elderly transportation service is available for anyone over 60 years of age for five specific medical destinations and meal sites. For the CNOM population, the rides are free, except when they are to meal sites. For the non-cnom population, the rides are \$2 each way.

Tom stated that the contracting department at EOHHS will be overseeing the consumer issues. They are taking consumer feedback seriously to look for areas of improvement.

Lt. Governor Roberts asked that there be a standing report-out for the transportation services at each LTCCC meeting.

#### **4. Alzheimer's State Plan Commission update**

Lt. Governor Roberts and Dir. Catherine Taylor gave a presentation at the Alzheimer's Association Caregivers Journey Conference. This presentation was an update on the state plan.

Currently, the probate commission is meeting to develop amendments to the Uniform Guardianship Law. Dir. Taylor stated that there was also an approval for the 1115 Waiver to reimburse some diagnostic tests for Alzheimer's Disease.

The task forces are continuously meeting and there are many updates for them. In particular, there is a resolution being drafted right now to study the ways in which dementia care units operate.

Sadie and Donna attended the National Alzheimer's Association Advocates Conference in DC and connected with counterparts in other states.

#### **5. LGBT Elder Care Subcommittee update**

*Sally Hay, SAGE RI*

Lt. Governor Roberts stated that anyone who is interested in the subcommittee work is welcome to attend and participate.

Sally Hay stated that the subcommittee has created a mission statement that would inform the work. There are short task forces that will be used to ensure that the goals of the work plan will be met. The subcommittee has also introduced a bill to the legislative session that would amend the patient's bill of rights that would bar against discrimination.

#### **6. Integrated Care Initiative Consumer Advisory Council update**

*Holly Garvey, Medical Services Manager, EOHHS/ Xerox*

Holly stated that the ICI CAC is now taking a look at the care management plans that are in effect for the ICI consumers. Holly also gave the enrollment updates and stated that there was a 19% opt-out rate for the program. The ICI CAC will have more discussion on this at the meeting, scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **7. Legislative update**

There have been a number of bills and letters of support sent out.

Sadie DeCourcy stated that H 7880 & H 7527, a bill regarding managed care for elders, would be reworked to include other associations and try to include everyone everyone into the bill. There will be an update at the next LTCCC meeting. Bill Flynn Flynn stated that there are some protections that they like a lot and some that they they did not like so much. They are still in the negotiation stage.

H 7368/ S 2526 Rhode Island access to medical technology innovation act. The bill has been heard in both the house and senate. Lt. Governor Roberts asked if LTCCC members wanted to take a collective, LTCCC stance on it. It was stated that there is a change requested in the bill to take out the discussion of greenhouse beds. Lt. Governor Roberts stated that this bill is quite broad and Lt. Governor Roberts stated that LTCCC might not want to engage in active support of the bill, but will continue monitoring it.

H 7993 Freedom from life-threatening physical restraint act. This bill was introduced by Rep. Gallison to HEW in order to make sure that people who reside in covered facilities are free from the use of life-threatening restraints. The Alliance for Better LTC has cited issue with the wording of "covered facility" because it does not refer to the specific population that it is intended to help. Kathy Heren also stated that the language is too vague and appears to refer to child-focused settings. Elaina Goldstein stated that this is from a bill introduced last year. BHDDH already has existing regulations that state the perimeters of using restraints on BHDDH populations.

Kathy Heren stated that she will be in contact with Joe from the Attorney General's office and give the updates to LTCCC.

## **8. Public Comment**

9. **Next Meeting:** May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 10:00-11:30 at Child and Family (1268 Eddy St.)